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During "called" Coffee County BOE meeting
Ingram recommended for superintendent's job

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education voted Tuesday evening, July 10, during a "called" board meeting to offer the position of Superintendent of the Coffee County School System to Dr. Linda Ingram.

"We interviewed five great candidates yesterday (Monday, June 9)," board member Gene Barksdale said before recommending Ingram for the job.

After receiving a second from board member Rubin McNease, the board passed Barksdale's motion with all board members voting in favor.

Ingram currently works with

the Coffee County School System as an administrative assistant at the board of education office.

Non in her eighth year with the school system, she served as principal of Zion Chapel High School for four years before moving to the central office.

"I am very pleased with the board's recommendation," said Ingram.

"Working with the Coffee County School System has been the best personal and professional experience in my life."

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the board's best kept secret we have."

The board will announce at a later date whether or not Ingram accepted the position.

Elba Council approves removal of crooked bridge

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council passed three resolutions in quick succession Monday evening, then paid their monthly bills and dismissed.

The first resolution approved at the request of the Alabama Department of Transportation was the previously announced removal of the White Water Creek bridge (the crooked bridge). This will be done in conjunction with the levee work planned by the City of Elba.

The highway department officially abandoned the bridge about 15 years ago, but continued to unofficially maintain it for the City of Elba. Engineers have repeatedly noted major repairs that are needed on the structure and the fact the bridge doesn't meet engineering standards of

the levee will pay \$7,500 for the panel, exactly what it received in 1998.

Monthly bills totaling \$20,860.32 were approved for payment. They included \$1,350 for quarterly payment for the NCIC computer in the police department; \$4,960.09 for vehicle repair; \$3,237.07 for seven supplies; and \$911.00 annual maintenance contract on city hall copy machine.

Mayor James Grimes reported and the city attorney had done an audit and revised the EMS contract in relationship to the use of a city owned emergency vehicle.

Grimes also urged council members to attend a review at city hall on July 11th at 3:30 on the proposed Broad Band Study (fiber optic) for the City of Elba.

Commission hears plans for Camp Humming Hills

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During their regular bi-monthly meeting, Coffee County Commissioners received an update Monday morning, July 9, on the current situation and future plans for the Girl Scouts Camp at Humming Hills in Elba.

Barbara Gilewitz, executive director of the Girl Scouts of South Central Alabama, addressed the commissioners concerning future plans for Camp Humming Hills.

Gilewitz told commissioners that a feasibility plan is currently being conducted to determine if now is the right time to start a \$1.2 million capital campaign which would allow the Humming Hills Camp to become fully staffed.

Gilewitz said Camp Humming Hills was acquired by the Girl Scouts in the 1970s, and is a 267 acre girl scout camp which serves approximately 6,000 girl scouts in the Wiregrass area.

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Gilewitz also made commissioners aware of a pond pipe

which began leaking recently. She said the organization hopes to have the dam repaired and the local company doing the work.

While on the subject of Camp Humming Hills, Commissioner Linda Westbrook made mention that the Girl Scouts have been trying to get water from the City of Elba to the camp site. Westbrook said the commission is working with the Girl Scouts to make this project a reality.

Chairman Lott addressed the commissioners about getting land at the county's industrial site across from the landfill for the livestock sale barn.

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With that statement, he made a motion with a second from Stuckey to allow the police chief to purchase the two units from Southern Links.

Before voting, council members had to pay a fine of \$100 for a driver's license, two for revoked driver's license, one for suspended driver's license, two for a switched tag one for driving with a suspended license, five for violation of the insurance law, three for reckless driving, one for attempting to elude, one for improper lights.

Our officers are well informed to stop when they get phone calls."

"After the council approved Harrison's motion, Gilbert told the commissioners that he would remove the seven existing cellular telephones from the police cars and store them in a secure location for future use if and only if the occasion arises.

In regards to the financial plan, Mayor Charles Cole told council members the town had a total monthly savings of over \$3,000 for the previous month.

He commended the police department for keeping the mileage down on the patrol cars, however, he said tickets have been turned in within 48 hours so several trips will be required to the courthouse instead of just one to avoid losing tickets because of failure to turn them in within the time allotted.

In his monthly report, Police Chief Gilbert told council members that during the month of June the department had written 20 citations for speeding, four for DUI, one for no driver's license, two for revoked driver's license, one for suspended driver's license, two for a switched tag one for driving with a suspended license, five for violation of the insurance law, three for reckless driving, one for attempting to elude, one for improper lights.

"We will eventually have to go to it anyway," Gilbert said. "It's cheaper now and will cost us a lot less."

"As another added benefit to the digital system, he told council members that this system is strictly a 2-way system and no one will be able to monitor our conversations being conducted."

Council member Judy Stuckey agreed with Gilbert's statement by saying that the digital units cannot be picked up through a scanner, which means if the chief needs to have a private conversation with someone, he can do just that.

"We are going to have to pay someone," Council member Rodger Harrison said. "We might as well pay the cheapest one."

"In both bid awards, Tindell reminded the commissioners that these were annual bids, and the quantities were just estimated quantities.

In other business, the com-

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Monday evening Marlon Cook, of the State Geological Survey, spoke to the Elba City Council and Water and Electric Board members on some passive flood control measures applicable to Elba. Having heard his ideas on this matter before, we were already optimistic that our city fathers would be able to put most, if not all, of his ideas into practice. It is amazing how much positive results can be achieved with only a little bit of prior planning.

It is kinda scary to think about the child who was attacked by a 200-pound shark during the past weekend, right down there on the beaches of the Florida panhandle. To think the shark got the boy when he was in water only about knee deep... his uncle actually wrestled the rogue shark to the shore and without getting bitten himself... they were able to pry open the shark's mouth and retrieve the severed arm for reattachment... his aunt administered mouth-to-mouth which is credited with his remaining alive until help arrived... to the medical emergency people who did arrive (promptly) knew, to get him to the hospital immediately and not try on-the-scene heroes... a good medical team was nearby... expert doctors were in the emergency room... the list goes on and on. We share the opinion of the Elba man who said, "Some folks may make fun of my opinion, but I believe it was God's divine intervention that saved that child's life."

Elba residents are hungry for good news. That was apparent last week when our front page carried the article about the new Dorsey Trailers. Paper sales were brisk, in spite of the July 4th holiday, and several of the stores which sell single copies called in asking for more papers. The message this sends to us... and should send to all community leaders... is what we said originally in the opening sentence... Elba residents are hungry for good news. Of course any good politician worth his salt will pick up on that bit of information and try to satisfy their hunger.

Well Coffee County did survive the first phase of the legislative redistricting. Any changes now will come only after a court case overturns the setup on technical grounds. The county remains a single House district, represented by Representative Terry Spicer, and not split up among several lawmakers as many Alabama counties are. The State Senate district still includes all of Coffee and Covington counties and odd parts of Dale and Houston counties, and is represented by Elba's Jimmy Holley.

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Ramona Grantham promoted to loan portfolio manager at Elba's Southtrust Bank



area for over 18 years. She is married with two children and is very active in the Zion Chapel Baptist Church. Ramona is a native of Coffee County, and has been serving the Financial needs in this Elba office.

Elba Police Report

Hardee's (11:59 p.m.)

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 2, 2001, investigated the following incidents: one lost cellular telephone, one assault, one criminal mischief, one criminal trespassing, three D.U.L.s, one harassment, two harassing communications, three minor consumptions, one rape, one domestic disturbance, one property damage, one for criminal trespassing, two for D.U.L. one for assault, four for minor consumption, one for possession of marijuana, four for failure to appear, one for harassment and one for domestic violence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: Four for speeding, one for reckless driving, one for driver's license not in possession, two for no proof of insurance, two for no driver's license, three for violation of state laws, one for failure to drive sober, suspended one for driver's license revoked and one for open container.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: **MONDAY, JULY 2** - River stage - 7.08 feet 16:40 a.m. Alarm activated at NASCO (8:21 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 350 Dr. Roberts Dr. (10:45 a.m.). Alarm activated at NASCO (12:37 p.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, JULY 3 - River stage - 7.08 feet 16:40 a.m. Alarm activated at NASCO (8:21 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 167N near Pike County line (4:21 p.m.). Hit and Run reported at Elba Glass Co. (4:47 p.m.). Routine activity.

SATURDAY, JULY 7 - Prowler, reported at 858 Washington Ave. (7:10 a.m.); River stage - 6.50 feet (6:00 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to Wiese's Farm (8:01 a.m.). Alarm activated at 810 N. Claxton Ave. (9:21 a.m.). Loud and excessive music reported in Morrow Village (8:09 a.m.).

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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Ron Stallard Ordained Bishop
The Elba Church of God

This night thy soul shall be required of thee

Now that it's summer, people are going about their lives and doing what they can be happy. It is that time of the year for vacations trips to the beach, pool parties, grilling out and family gatherings. We seem to be in a race to see who gets to the party first. It is the American way. We ask God for His protection and His blessings. We know that there may never be another time as this. Money and plans are made and we take liberty to enjoy our lives. This is a good thing. We sometimes make the mistake of thinking we are blessed beyond what we have, or how many exciting things we have to do. To really live life we must please God. It is God who gives us life abundantly and joyfully—abundant full of glory. God gives us protection as we travel. He watches over us and protects us. More important than anything God gives us His salvation. His salvation is the greatest gift of all. We must not let the fast moving pace of the world make us forget about God. We need to take the time out to worship and praise Him. We need to go to church and support the kingdom of God. Jesus gave us a parable that makes our situation clear and understandable. Luke 12:15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. There was a man who had everything he wanted and more than needed. Luke 12:17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? The KJV We need to be careful and give God our time. We need to support our churches with giving and works. Our soul may depend on it sooner than we think.

Rev. Moses Coleman to speak at the Ozark District meeting planned for July 14

Reverend Moses Coleman, Pastor of the Pinckard Circuit, will bring the message at the Ozark District Christian Education Report Meeting and Worship Services on Saturday, July 14 at 10:00 a.m. at Shady Grove A.M.E. Church in Elba, where the Reverend Fred Flowers is Pastor. Rev. C. A. Brown, Pastor of the Madrid Circuit A.M.E. Churches, will serve as Presiding Officer. Reverend J. F. McCloud is Presiding Elder. Music will be furnished by the Ozark District Youth Choir, under the direction of Rev. James Corbin, Pastor of the Flora-Lockhart Circuit, accompanied by Richard Laster, of Ozark.

In addition to the worship services, this gathering will include Youth Appreciation activities for young people who are members of the 21 A.M.E. churches in the Ozark District. These churches are located in several

Wiregrass cities, including Dothan, Enterprise, Ozark, Elba, Opp, New Brockton, Geneva, Hartford, Samson, Pinckard, Newton, Florala, Lookout, Daleville, Madrid, Somerville, and Gordon.

ROUND AND ABOUT WITH ERIA - 897-2006

Scripture: Revelation 1:1-20

Thinking of you, praying for you. The Edwards and Stoumire families, Anita Lindsey, Cary Lindsey, Collis Belcher, Versie Barns, Robin Stinson, M.C. Jones, Carrie Bell-Farrel, Mary Alice Pierce, Christine Willingham, Annie Bell Flournoy, Lela Tyson, and Mary Nell James.

July Birthdays: Joyce B. Johnson July 7; Evelyn B. Manning July 8; Lydia Kelley July 9.

Visitors: Erie and Theresa Williams, Mt. Vernon, N.Y. visiting in the home of Erie Lindsey Belcher during the 4th of July week.

Annual Youth Day Program

Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, Alabama. Rev. Lovell Martin, pastor.

July 15, 2001, 2:30 PM

Mistress of Order-Sis Shirly Yelverton, Elba Zion Youth Choir, New Philadelphia youth choir, Springfield youth choir, Oak Grove youth choir, Greater Pleasant Valley Youth Choir and Bethlehem Youth Choir will render. Music: Solo-Roger Roderick, Rudeaux, Guest Speaker: Rev. Kevin Burks.

Memory Dinner: The

granddaughters of Erie Lindsey Belcher and the late Lovell Martin, Sr. hosted a dinner in memory July 4, 2001 at the home of Ernestine B. Kelley 2584 Old Curtis Rd. Elba, Alabama.

Those in attendance were

Ernestine B. Kelley, Wesley, Marcus, Curtis, Melissa, Tony and Jana, Myron, Duncan, Maria, Brandon, Brandy, Tiffany and Lydia, Meka Jones, Alyia, Minister Ronni Russell

Mike, Nard, and Reba Nita, Minister Robert, Edwards, Bettye, Refegeef, Timothy, a widow, Mike Manning, Evelyn and Jason, Kenneth Carson and Erie Lindsey Belcher.

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Jacobs to celebrate
50th Wedding
Anniversary July 22

Harold and Katherine F. Jacobs request the pleasure of your company at their 50th Wedding Celebration on Sunday, July 22, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Community House in Rocky Head Baptist Church on Highway 51 West in Arinton, Alabama. Your presence is a measured gift. We request no other.

Organizational Meeting
for Class of 1971
reunion to be held

An organizational meeting for the 30 year reunion for the Class of 1971 of Elba High School will be held in the house of Lucia Grantham on 7-18-01 at 6:00 PM. All interested parties may call 897-5681 for more information. See you there!

Cancer Support Group
to meet at St Luke's
UMC in Enterprise

For those cancer patients seeking help and hope, there is a special support group aimed at cancer patients and their families in Coffee County. This support group will provide those who attend the needed answers to make a difference in their lives. It will be the 3rd Tuesday of every month at St. Luke United Methodist Church Fellowship hall in Enterprise at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Charlene Goolsby or Linda at (334)794-0600.

Paul and Edna Smart celebrate

50th wedding anniversary

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Paul and Edna spent their "Second Honeymoon" at the Serendipity Bed and Breakfast in historic Thomasville, Georgia. A special gift from Rev. Homer Moore, Pastor of First Assembly of God, Elba. Mrs. Rhonda Moore, sang "Whither Thou Goest" They exchanged diamond anniversary rings.

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NIKI ROGERS, REBECCA WILLIAMS, Savanna Jackson, Mary Katherine Head, Natalie Franklin and Blake Brunson, students of the Dorothy Rainer Sellars School of Dance, recently returned from New York City where they spent two weeks with Mrs. Sellars taking daily classes in tap with some of New York's finest teachers at the steps on Broadway studios. One of the highlights of their visit was mingling with and performing for some of New York's protégé dancers at "Swing, 46", a jazz and supper club on 46th street which schedules weekly Sunday night jam sessions for tappers, which included students from Opp and Elba. The group also visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art, American Museum of Natural History, Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, and the Empire State Building Lower. They saw the Broadway shows, Riverdance on Broadway, 42nd Street, and Cabaret, plus a performance of the New York City Ballet at Lincoln Center.

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Carol Boylston, new Regent of John Coffee DAR, receiving Regent's pin from Past Regent, Nell Gilmer.

New DAR officers installed

Nell Gilmer, Regent of John Coffee Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, installed new officers recently during a meeting at the home of Carol Boylston, Enterprise. The following were elected to serve for a three-year term: Regent: Carol Boylston, Vice Regent: Nancy Brunson, Secretary: Elsie Hilton, Treasurer: Felicia

Metcalfe, Registrar: Ann McGlaun, Chaplain/Librarian: Pat Howard, Historian: Nell Gilmer.

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Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I hate for the phone to ring when I am at home, but since it's almost never for me anyway, I guess the thing for me to do would be to just ignore the one ring and wait until one of the girls grabs the nearest phone. It seems like the girls get a lot of the calls, and appears that she can tell by the ring if it's for her, because whenever she answers the phone, she stays on it until we tell her to get off. Hey, maybe if I would cancel call waiting it would ring only once a day!

SWINGS AND MISSES...

It has been a successful All-Star season for the various baseball leagues in Elba as every team but two has managed to post at least one win in post-season tournament action.

The Elba Dixie Pre Major All-Stars had only ten players on their roster, but ignored the heat and tournament pressure to win three games and place second in their District Tournament. This bunch of guys played together like the summer as a team and stuck together to play as a team in the tournament against All-Stars teams from other cities and leagues. The ten Elba players never once backed down; however, and gave it all they had to make up for their lack of experience. The second Elba Pre-Major All-Star team was made up of players from Zion Chapel and New Brockton, and while this team failed to get a win, the players and coaches worked hard and also represented the Elba league well. Elba was the only city in the district to place two teams in the District Tournament, and the teams made us proud!

The Elba Dixie Minor League team sent two teams over to the Sub-District Tournament in Enterprise and both teams drew praise from their fans and from their opponents for their fine play. The Elba Americans won three games and placed third in the seven-team event, while the Nationals posted one win and scrapped in every inning they played. The Americans won their first two games to move out of the winners bracket, and then defeated Geneva after falling in the losers bracket. The Nationals had the bad luck of playing the Americans in the opening round, but bounced back to oust Samson/Kinston before being ousted by Enterprise. An Elba team has now placed second and third in the Dixie Minor League Tournament over the past two seasons, and that came with the league sending two teams instead of loading up one. Not bad at all!

The Elba Dixie Youth League also send two teams to the Sub-District Tournament down in Geneva, with one team winning the opening night and one team losing. The Americans won 6-4 in their opener over Hartford, while the Nationals fell to Geneva 6-3. The talent in this league is split up among the two All-Star teams, and win or lose it only makes the league stronger when 26 players can experience tournament play instead of just 13 players. This tournament was still underway at press time. So, I'll catch up next week.

It has also been a solid All-Star season for the Elba Dixie Girls Fast-Pitch Softball League, with two of the All-Star teams posting perfect two wins.

The Dixie Angels, ages 9-10, competed down in Andalusia and posted two wins to place third in the Sub-District Tournament. The girls lost two games in the tournament, but still claimed wins over Opp and Greenville, and showed all in attendance that our girls are willing to make the change to fast-pitch, and are already competitive with surrounding towns.

The Dixie Ponys, ages 11-12, were still competing over in Greenville at their Sub-District Tournament, and at press time had posted two straight wins after dropping their opening game. This group of girls have also struggled with times with the change to fast-pitch, but scored an average of over 15 runs per game in their first three tournament games, and have wowed all the fans with their hitting.

The Dixie Belles, ages 13-15, had one team this season that competed over in Opp, but took their league team to the Sub-District Tournament and gained valuable experience going up against the All-Star teams from other towns. It was true that the Elba team was out numbered and dropped two straight games, but this bunch will have to step up and play fast-pitch next season at Elba High, and the experience they gained will help them out very well.

Sticking with the youth, at will time for youth football season to kick off in just a few weeks, and the Elba Youth Football League will once again join the Tri-County League and compete with teams from Opp, Andalusia, Red Level, Straughn and Flora to make up the six-team league. The league is open to boys and girls ages 6-8, 9-10 and 11-12, and this year there will be no weight limits for players in the older age groups. The change in weight limits means any player can play anywhere on the field, and that no player will be left off because of his weight. It will make a difference in the game, but should add to the excitement. I urge all boys and girls that want to play football or cheerleaders to sign up as soon as possible. The time is drawing near.

It appears to me that the NCAA is having a hard time coming up with a lot of concrete evidence against the Alabama football program, so it is having to go back to the same old stories over and over in its attempt to slap the Crimson Tide program. It is true that some of the Tide's assistant coaches have been suspended for their transgressions against university wishes, and it is true that if you look you might find some smoke hanging around the Mike DuBose era. However, if the case against Alabama was so cut and dried, the NCAA would have already held a press conference and bragged on itself while chastising Alabama. In my opinion the colleges should get together and investigate the NCAA to find out exactly where its loyalties are linked. Hey, without the support of the colleges there would not be an NCAA.

In closing...I will admit that I am an Elba Tiger sports fan from way back and am proud to be from the "old school." I also understand that the Elba football program has struggled in recent years and has not posted a winning season for five years. However, I also have a hard time accepting the fact that after this season the Tigers will no longer play Opp, Andalusia, Troy, Geneva and some of other old rivals in football. Winning is important and helps soothe wounds because sometimes a team can get more out of a loss to a better team than to a friend. However, I believe that the Elba Tiger football program is now at the same level with some of the teams on our future schedules, but I will never be able to accept it, and believe that scheduling rivalries is often more important than trying to simply schedule wins.

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Pre-Majors All-Stars place second

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Dixie Pre-Majors All-Stars competed in the Dixie Pre-Majors District 6 Baseball Tournament last week in Daleville and claimed three wins in five games to claim runner-up honors in the seven-team event.

The Elba All-Stars opened the tournament with wins over Abbeville 14-7 and Luverne 14-10, but then fell to the losers bracket with a 9-2 loss to Opp. A 9-6 win over Luverne moved the All-Stars into the tournament finals. However, a 6-4 loss to Opp forced the All-Stars to settle for second place.

Following are highlights of the Elba All-Stars tournament action:

The Elba All-Stars exploded for 9 runs in the sixth inning to take command and rolled to a 14-7 win over Abbeville. In opening round action, a two-run double by Brandon Petty put the Elba in the top of the second inning, and then Marcus Henderson and Jason Curran both got 2 hits to lead Elba.

The Elba All-Stars rallied to score six runs in the top of the sixth inning, and then added four runs in the bottom of the sixth, but it was too little, too late, as Elba posted the 14-7 win. Brandon Petty, Marcus Henderson and Jason Curran all got 2 hits to lead Elba.

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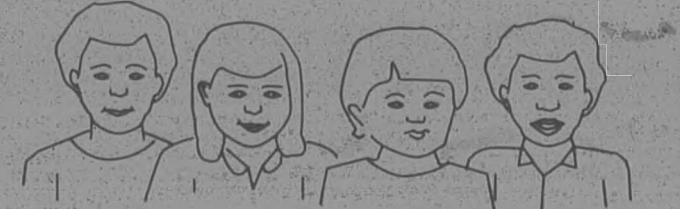


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COMMUNITY NEWS

Jumpstart Kindergarten planned for Elba Elementary July 30 and 31

Elba Elementary School will be holding Jumpstart Kindergarten on Monday, July 30th and Tuesday, July 31st from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Jumpstart is for kindergartners who will be attending Elba Elementary for the 2001 through 2002 school year.

If your child does not attend Elba Elementary for the 2000-2001 school year and you are planning for them to attend for the 2001-2002 school year but have not filled out registration paperwork, please come by the office to do so. In order to register a student for school you must bring a copy of the student's social security card, and an up to

date immunization card. Office hours for Elba Elementary are Mon.-Wed. 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

NOTICE:
Look for Elba Elementary School's Supply List (Grades K-6) for the 2001-2002 School Year next week in The Elba Clipper.

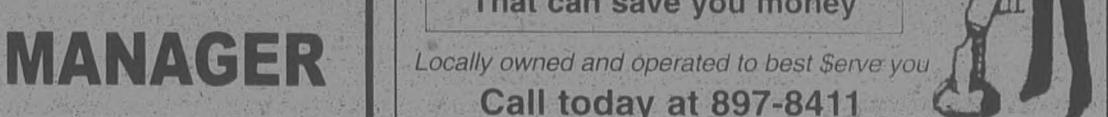


Elba Elementary School partnership with Coffee County Extension Office held Summer School titled "Soar Into Summer" for students third through sixth grades. "Soar Into Summer" began on July 4 and ended on June 28. The purpose of the Summer School was to do more in the areas of reading and math. In the areas of reading and math, however, the students and teachers have had many valuable and memorable experiences above and beyond the subject areas. At the beginning of Summer School each student submitted a piece of art to go along with the "Soar Into Summer" theme. One piece of art was selected to be the design for the Summer School T-shirt. Tatiana Parker was the winner of the T-shirt design competition. T-shirts were printed for each student and were worn on their field trip to the movie "Atlantis" on June 27. A pizza party was the culminating activity for "Soar Into Summer". School officials said they feel "Soar Into Summer" was a great success and beneficial for all involved.

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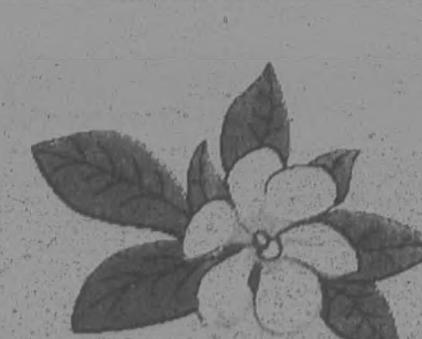
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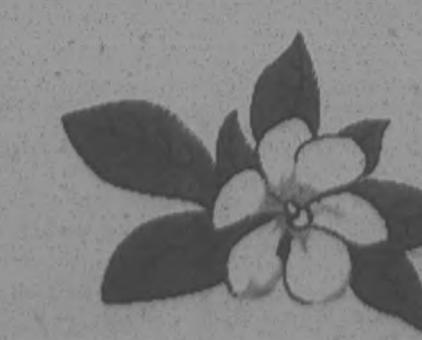


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Coffee County BOE meeting held

Ingram accepts superintendent's job

by Linda Hodge, Editor

began their first meeting together.

The Coffee County Board of Education held its first meeting Thursday morning, July 12, under the helm of new superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram.

Board chairman Charles Walker began the meeting by officially announcing that Ingram had accepted the position as superintendent of the Coffee County School System.

The board voted unanimously to approve the budget amendment.

The board had seven bids received for the copy paper, and she recommended the board accept the bid from Houston Copy Company at \$19.94 per ream.

Walker asked if the bid indicated whether or not the paper was import or domestic. He said he had just recently become

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Elba Firefighters participating in the recent Firemanship 1 course were (from left) kneeling - George Honiyak and Timmy Richards; standing - Danny Jordan - instructor, Gappa Wise, J.C. Smith, Wesley DeVane, Greg Sowell, Benny Wilkerson and Michael Adcock. Also participating but not pictured were Tim Roubidoux and Keith Rushing.

Firefighters complete Firemanship 1 course

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The firefighters of the Elba Fire Department continuously search for ways of improving their service to the people, and recently several of the firefighters have done just that.

10 firefighters of the Elba Fire Department, as well as some from the department of Ino and 5 Star, have just recently completed a Firemanship 1 course.

The course was taught by Danny Jordan, an Elba volunteer firefighter and certified instructor for the Alabama State Fire College.

"The Firemanship 1 course really stresses safety," Jordan said. "We want to get them (firefighters) to realize that the safer they are and the more they know about fire, the easier it will be for them to handle what comes before them."

He said the course is a basic beginners course which covers topics to enhance the firefighters overall knowledge of what a fire department consists of and how it operates.

Topics covered during the course duration included fire behavior, building construction, personal protective equipment, rescue and extrication, forcible entry, ventilation and safety.

"It may not just hot," said Jordan. "It burns for a reason. If you learn how it starts, you learn how to stop it."

Every building is different, and Jordan said the firefighters spent time learning about the different locks, doors and structures they may one day be asked to enter.

"We are trained and trying to do a good job for the people," said Elba Fire Chief Larry Goodson.

"It may not look like we're doing a good job all the time, but we are always working to improve our fire service."

With annual training such as the Firemanship 1 course, Jordan said the Elba Fire Department is better qualifying itself to assist the people in need.

After all, he said the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission says it best with the remark, "When a community improves its fire protection, everyone benefits."

Jordan said a Firemanship 2 course will be taught at the Elba Fire Department in an upcoming month, and he hopes to have seven more participate with this course.

He said the Firemanship 1 course was more of a knowledge course, while the Firemanship 2 course will be more hands-on and should give the firefighters a better "feel" of how things can be done.

Maddie's Fund designed to help control pet population

As many as 40,000 Alabama cats and dogs may be eligible for a new spay/neuter program offered through the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) with the cooperation of the Alabama Human Federation, the Alabama Animal Control Association, and a program called Maddie's Fund.

Thanks to a "grant" low-income pet owners in the state may take advantage of drastically discounted spay/neuter programs that will be offered through the AVMA.

According to the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, horses in Baldwin, Covington and Geneva counties of Alabama have been diagnosed with Eastern Equine Encephalitis or EEE.

Residents of south and central

mosquitoes are likely to be looking for blood meals. If you must go outdoors when mosquitoes are active, cover up by wearing shoes, socks, long pants, and long-sleeved shirts. Light colored clothing is better. Use "mosquito" repellent.

Avoid outdoor activities between dusk and dawn

mosquitoes in which mosquitoes might breed. DEET, the compound DEET (over 10 percent) should not be used on children. Follow instructions on the label.

Mosquitoes breed in standing water. To prevent the spread of mosquitoes: Empty all water from cans, jars, buckets, drums, plastic wading pools and other unused containers or turn them over when not in use. Drain and clean saucers under outdoor plant containers, pet watering dishes and bird baths at least once a week. Clean and repair leaky pipes and outside faucets so that water does not collect. Maintain screens on doors and windows so that mosquitoes cannot enter the home. Dispose of old automobile tires.

EEE is a viral disease spread

by mosquitoes. EEE infection

can cause a range of illnesses in humans. Most people have no

symptoms; others get only a

mild flu-like illness with fever,

headache and sore throat. Only

rarely do people get encephalitis.

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DIABETES SEMINAR The Alabama Cooperative Extension System/Coffee Office and Medical Center Enterprise will sponsor a Diabetes Seminar on Thursday, July 19, from 10:30 a.m. until 12 Noon in the Community Room at the Farm Center in New Brockton. The seminar will be presented by Robert F. Hambough Jr., MD, and is free to the public.

COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its regularly scheduled bi-monthly meeting on Monday, July 23, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room of the County Complex in New Brockton.

ZION CHAPEL LITTLE LEAGUE FOOTBALL Football registration for Zion Chapel's little league program will be held Monday, July 26, at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Students and parents are encouraged to attend. Students will pick up schedules, rent lockers and establish lunch accounts. Also, the students will have an opportunity to visit their classrooms. PLEASE SEE Page 3 for further Elba High School information.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION Elba High School 7th Grade Orientation will be Thursday, July 26, at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Students and parents are encouraged to attend. Students will pick up schedules, rent lockers and establish lunch accounts. Also, the students will have an opportunity to visit their classrooms. PLEASE SEE Page 3 for further Elba High School information.

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Brockton Mayor Charles Cole, Edwin Fox, Virginia Dowling - New Brockton Beautification Committee, Barbara Cole and New Brockton Police Chief Jerry Gilbert. The signs can be seen at the town limit on Hwy. 84 as travelers come from Elba or Enterprise.

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Area Happenings

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